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Applicant : Yoshikazu Umezu, et al.
Application No. : 09/308,607
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Title : METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF CERAMICS
Grp./Div. : 1615
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LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF IDS

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Commissioner:

With the April 25, 2001 Official action, the Examiner including acknowledged receipt of the 1449 filed with the May 20, 1999 IDS, but did not acknowledge the August, 1999 IDS.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the August 3, 1999 IDS, the form PTO-1449 which accompanied the cited references. It is requested that the Examiner initial acknowledging receipt and return the enclosed 1449 form.

This is not a response to the April 25, 2001 action. A response will be filed subsequently.

Respectfully submitted,

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